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SUBJ: SUDANESE/LIBYAN RELATION WORSEN

1. OFFICIAL SUDANESE NEWS AGENCY MAY 30 RELEASED LENGTHY ARTICLE, INCLUDING SUMMARIES OF CABLES EXCHANGED, RE ALLEGED RECENT LIBYAN DECISION TO CALL FOR REPAYMENT OF GOL LOAN TO GOS OF 7-1/4 MILLION STERLING ARRANGED IN NOVEMBER, 1969. ACCORDING ITEM, SUDANESE NIMFIN MANSOUR WROTE LIBYAN MINFIN DECEMBER 28, 1973, STATING SUDANESE CABINET "HAD GATHERED FROM TALKS QADHAFI HELD IN KHARTOUM ON MAY 25, 1972, THAT LIBYAN LOAN WAS NOT REPAYABLE AS A MATTER OF NECESSITY". MANSOUR ACCORDINGLY SURPRISED RECEIVE TELEGRAM FROM LIBYAN MINFIN ON MAY 28 STATING INTEREST ON LIBYAN LOAN HAS REACHED 1.9 MILLION STERLING, REMAINING INSTALLMENTS 5.25 MILLION STERLING AND DEMANDING THAT AMOUNT BE PAID TO CENTRAL BANK OF LIBYA THROUGH BANK OF ENGLAND. MANSOUR HAS REPLIED CITING GOS UNDERSTANDING THAT LOAN "NOT NECESSARILY REFUNDABLE" BUT PROPOSING MEETING BETWEEN DELEGATIONS TWO COUNTRIES "TO NEGOTIATE AGREEMENT THAT WILL SATISFY LIBYANS' DESIRE TO GET THEIR MONEY BACK."

2. SENIOR FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL COMPLAINED TO AMBASSADOR

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MAY 30 THAT WHAT REALLY IRKS SUDANESE IS MANNER IN WHICH

LIBYANS HAVE PURSUED CLAIM, I.E., VIA CLEAR TEXT TELEGRAM TO
MANSOUR.

3. COMMENT: SUDANESE PUBLICITY FOREGOING NO DOUBT IN PART
DESIGNED DEMONSTRATE TO ARAB WORLD THAT GOS KEEPING UP WITH ITS
EGYPTIAN FRIENDS IN CURRENT ANTI-LIBYAN PRESS CAMPAIGN. MEANWHILE
CONSIDERABLE AMUSEMENT HAS BEEN CAUSED LOCALLY BY
LIBYAN RADIO REPORT THAT GOL PROCLAIMED LAST MAY 25 AS
NATIONAL HOLIDAY COMMEMORATING NIMEIRI'S 1969
REVOLUTION.
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